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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA - NETHERLANDS DEVELOPMENT MINISTER PRONK  
CLOSES GENERAL DEBATE - SECOND COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: THE NETHERLANDS MINISTER PRONK IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE OCTOBER 20 WAS PRECEDED BY UNSURPRISING ADDRESSES BY THE DELEGATES OF MALI AND UGANDA. PRONK'S SPEECH WAS A COMBINATION OF WHAT SEVERAL OF OUR CONTACTS CHARACTERIZED AS A "CALVINIST EXHORTATION" AND AN EFFORT AT SOLIDARITY WITH THE THIRD WORLD. HE CALLED FOR CAREFUL STUDY AND GENUINE NEGOTIATIONS AS THE SOURCE OF A MORE JUST WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND MADE CLEAR THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST ADAPT THEIR INTERNAL SYSTEMS. THE MAJOR THEME OF THE ADDRESS WAS EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHIN WAS WELL AS AMONG NATIONS. HE ANNOUNCED A NETHERLANDS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE A FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO IFAD (AMOUNT UNSPECIFIED) AND A \$2 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO FINANCE FURTHER STUDY OF THE PREMISES FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE MAJOR THEME OF MINISTER PRONK'S WELL-ATTENDED

SPEECH WAS "PEOPLE ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT," WHICH HE NOTED WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO). GREATER SOCIAL JUSTICE, WHICH HE DEFINED AS EMPLOYMENT, EQUALITY AND "THE PROVISION OF BASIC NEEDS" IS A PRE-CONDITION OF GROWTH, PRONK SAID, AND NOT ITS CONSEQUENCE. DEVELOPMENT POLICIES REQUIRE BOTH POPULAR PARTICIPATION AND PRIORITY TO THE PRODUCTION OF "ESSENTIALS." REDISTRIBUTION IS IMPORTANT IN ITSELF, AND ALSO BECAUSE IT CONTRIBUTES TO GROWTH. PRONK RECOGNIZED THE "POTENTIAL CONFLICT" BETWEEN NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND A CALL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE. HE CITED THE COLOMBO RESOLUTION TO VALIDATE THE ALTER AND NOTED THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES NEED TO PRACTICE SOCIAL JUSTICE BEFORE THEY HAD A RIGHT TO PREACH IT. HE ALSO STATED "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CANNOT EXPECT AID IF RESOURCES ARE NOT USED FOR THE WHOLE OF THE POPULATION AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOR." HE NOTED THAT THE NETHERLANDS WOULD GIVE 1.25 PERCENT OF ITS GNP FOR ODA AND "RELATED DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES" IN 1976 AND THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED A DEVELOPMENT BUDGET OF \$ 1.2 BILLION FOR 1977.

3. SPECIFIC POLICY MEASURES WERE SPARSELY SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE SPEECH. PRONK STRESSED COMMITMENTS TO THE 0.7 PERCENT UN AID TARGET AND REJECTED ASSISTANCE "CONDITIONAL ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ADJUSTMENT POLICIES" OF RECIPIENTS. HE CALLED FOR A NINE BILLION DOLLAR GOAL FOR IDA REPLENISHMENT, FAVORED DEBT RELIEF AND RENEWED DUTCH SUPPORT FOR THE INTEGRATED COMMODITIES PROGRAM AND THE COMMON FUND. ON IFAD HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE NETHERLANDS "IS PREPARED TO INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION, IN A JOINT EFFORT TO BRIDGE THE GAP THAT SEPARATES US FROM THE ONE BILLION DOLLAR TARGET."

4. WHILE PRONK CALLED NIEO "A MATTER OF NECESSITY AND JUSTICE" HE NOTED ITS "DEFICIENCIES AND UNCLARITIES." THE CONCEPT NEEDED TO BE "TRANSLATED INTO A NEW FRAMEWORK OF MUTUAL COMMITMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS ENTERED INTO ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS." HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE RESULTS OF VARIOUS UN CONFERENCES FROM ENVIRONMENT TO INDUSTRIALIZATION, SHOULD BE TURNED INTO "A COHERENT FRAMEWORK OF POLICY MEASURES." THEN NECESSARY NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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AIMED EITHER AT LEGALLY-BINDING COMMITMENTS OR VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS. THEY SHOULD HOWEVER BE BASED ON MUTUAL INTEREST IN A "POSITIVE SUM APPROACH." THE VALUE OF LIMITED NEGOTIATING FORA SUCH AS CIEC HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED, BUT THEY ARE NOT ENOUGH. WITHIN THE UN THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE SHOULD ENHANCE THE ROLES OF ECOSOC AND UNTAD. IN CONCLUSION, PRONK NOTED FAVORABLY THE LEONTIEF AND TINBERGEN STUDIES. HE ADVOCATED FURTHER STUDY WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM AND IN

OUTSIDE RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO GET A SUFFICIENT  
BASIS FOR THE FORMATION OF POLICY OPTIONS. HE OFFERED TWO  
MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP FINANCE SUCH A STUDY.  
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